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Dan Fowler speaks with Rob Worrincy as he faces his old club Halifax this afternoon.



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BY ANDY TYERS

Firstly, a very warm welcome to the players, officials & supporters of Halifax RL to our latest 'home' ground here at the Mobile Rocket Stadium in Wakefield.

Our esteemed Chairman, Chris Noble MBE is on his travels this week so it gives me great pleasure to step in and produce the programme notes for this afternoon's match.

We are looking forward to another gripping encounter, & hopeful of gaining the upper hand after our recent reverse at the Shay in Round 1 of the Championship season.

The road to Wembley starts here for us, although many of the community clubs have been playing for 2 or 3 rounds already, a good Challenge Cup run can be very beneficial to clubs like Sheffield Eagles.

Halifax like ourselves have some fond Wembley memories, & names like Graeme Eadie, Mick Scott & Wilf George (did he score?) are the folklore of West Yorkshire as tales of their triumph are retold over the Years.

We have made a bit of a slow start to our league campaign so far, just dipping out at Fax, then being blown away by the Leythers, before some improvement in the 2nd stanza during our Jast 'home' game against the full timers of Toulouse.

I'm sure Tubby & his coaching team are working hard to fix the things we need to, as Mick Heys & the medical team continue to work with our returning & injured troops.



Running with the small squad like we have means we can be susceptible to injuries; however, it is good to see youngsters like Blake 'baby beans' Broadbent & 'Devonian' Lewis Taylor making the most of opportunities

Off the field, the Board are busy running the club, working with all the involved parties to get the

OLP up & running, the facilities up to the required standard, & other routine but important tasks involved with running a business.

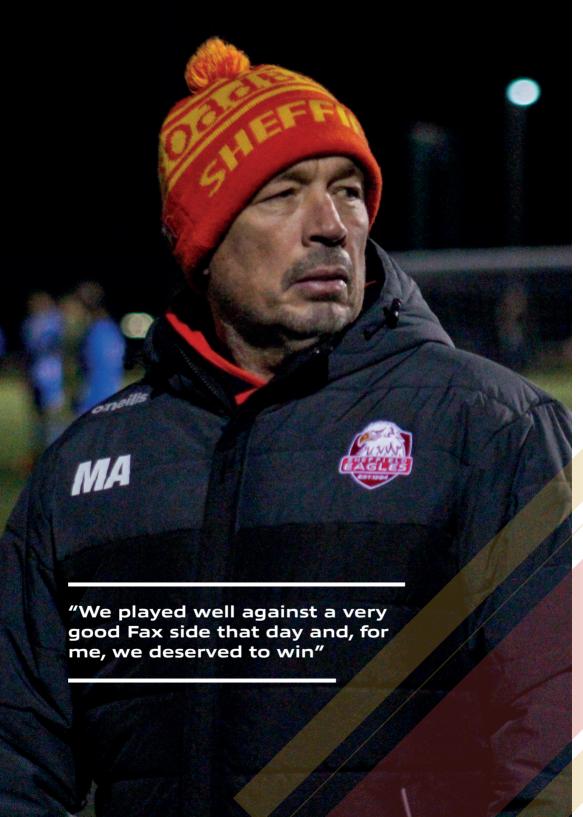
Believe me, there is a big light at the end of our latest tunnel, so let's stick together & make it happen.

In April this Year, my old mate from Rotherham Roosters, Craig Weston, a former Eagles academy & scholarship Coach, who emigrated to Australia 10yrs ago, is bringing his team, Capalaba Warriors U16's to the UK for a tour, hosted by Sheffield Eagles, they will play games against Leeds Academy, Milford Marlins, Dearne Valley Bulldogs, & a curtain raiser V's Hillsborough Hawks before our 'home' game with Oldham at Castle Park, Doncaster on Wednesday 15th April, they will kick-off at 5.30pm, & it would be nice to see a few of us here to cheers the both sides on.

Thanks to former Eagles player, Gav Brown for helping with the Leeds leg of the trip.

Whichever side you support this afternoon, enjoy the game, may the best team win, & a safe trip home to all.

See you at the Bar!





Welcome to Belle Vue or now the Mobile Rocket Stadium as it's known for today's Challenge Cup fourth round tie against Halifax.

The match today extends an early opportunity for us to perhaps avenge the opening day defeat at The Shay which was a game we were disappointed to lose.

We played well against a very good Fax side that day and, for me, we deserved to win the contest before the two late tries saw us edged out by a point.

I was proud of the performance that day, and I'll be looking for a similar one this afternoon as we look to get through a tough tie and reach the fifth round of the competition.

We have been hammered by injuries at the start of the season, so it was great to see the likes of Scott Wheeldon, James Davey, Rob Worrincy and Frankie Mariano return last weekend for the game against Toulouse.

All four are huge for us, they bring vital experience which is crucial when we are running what is, at times, a very youthful side.

After getting four players back we then suffered injuries to more players during the game, so the likes of Rory Dixon and Corey Makelim will be doubts going into this one.

Connor Bower is another who we missed after he tweaked a hamstring in the build up to the Toulouse game, so he is one of several who we have been assessing behind the scenes this week.

It's tough but without dual-registration at our disposal and our limitations in terms of budget it's diffcult but that's the challenges of coaching and we have to thrive and push on under these circumstances.

I thought we showed some resolve second-half against Toulouse in testing conditions, but we know we still have a lot of work to do before we are where we need to be.

There have been some shoots of encouragement which we are looking to build on today as we attempt to end the month on a high.

My thanks to everyone at Doncaster Knights and now this afternoon here at Wakefield Trinity for their help and assistance in providing us with a venue whislt the Olympic Legacy Park remains not an option for our home matches..

We really are indebted to both clubs for extending their support at this time, and I am also extremely grateful to the magnificent support we continue to receive from the terraces whilst we are out of Sheffield.

Hopefully it won't be for much longer, we are just as frustrated as you at the delays but there is light at the end of the tunnel, we aren't getting to the end of the tunnel as quickly as we'd like but it is there and it's coming.

I know the chaps are working hard behind the scenes on this along with other plans to ensure we hit the ground running when we are back at a completed OLP whilst I and the backroom focus on the on-field side of things

Keep the faith, spread the word and most importantly, enjoy the game today.

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OFFICE UPDATE BY LIAM CLAFFEY

Two weeks, two venues!

This time, we are heading out of Sheffield once more and out of South Yorkshire and back to our 2017 stomping grounds of Wakefield Trinity.

We were aware Castle Park was unable this weekend so with no other venues in South Yorkshire, we held discussions with Wakefield Trinity should we be

I won't lie, I was hoping for an away fixture to reduce the workload around a home match and perhaps more 'winnable' tie against a League 1 or amateur side so sadly both my wishes were not met!

It's now four years since we got passed this stage of the Challenge Cup and it would be great to go on an exin 2013 when we got to the Ouarter

A crowd of nearly 3,000 (with 60 Broncos supporters) came to that game and shows there is an appetite for rugby league in Sheffield and once we and good quality rugby on the pitch we can build and that's why 2021 will be so important for the club at the Olympic Legacy Park, coupled with the Rugby League World Cup.

I must express mine and the club's thanks to Michael, Johnathan and the whole team here at Wakefield Trinity for stepping in during our hour been great leading up to this afternoon's match. With the bad weather we've had of late they could have easily denied us access to safeguard their



pitch, but they had no hesitations in

It's sad and also (very) frustrating that we are nomads, going from stadium to stadium asking for support and we apologise as it's certainly not easy being a Sheffield Eagles supporter! Please bear with us, we share your feelings and working hard to resolve issues to ensure we are back in the Steel City as soon as possible.

Also must thank everyone at Doncaster Knights after our match at Castle Park last weekend. A great facility tinged with envy at how I wish we had such a facility to call our own soon, very soon there will be!

international women's rugby union at their ground this weekend and Saturday and Sunday morning it could have been easy for them to deny us of the match which is on Sky Sports tomorrow afternoon.

They didn't and got to thank them hugely for that. Enjoy this afternoon and let's hope come around 4pm we are in the hat for the next round!



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COMMERCIAL BY MARK HANNIGAN

Well I never thought I would start a programme piece like this again but Welcome to Wakefield once more!

We are back with the cup competitions for 2020 which we all know have been good to us in the recent and more distant history of this club.

So, what are the benefits of a decent cup run?

Well firstly, in the Challenge Cup, there is significant prize monies the further you go through the competition. As a board we set a budget for the year

in the Challenge up is worth a lot of monies to us in gate revenues especially if we are drawn away. There is always the balance, should we get through this round, of wanting a "winnable" round 5 tie to get ore prize money, or a big away draw at a Super League club.

The big draw also attracts the fans, fans who may have not followed us in the nomadic years and we then could reengage them with this great club.

Finally, there is the profile. As we know, the further we go, the more profile there is on the Club and in turn our sponsors.

Are sponsors are involved with us for the profile they get. The more that we can give them by performances on the pitch, the easier it makes my job.

For example. Last season, 2 contacts and personal friends of mine, Tony Buckingham (Buckingham Insurance) and Chris Taylor (CTJM Paving) said how proud they were to see their brand on our kit at Wembley.

This is profiling that not many advertising streams can provide. So Round 5 could yield a televised game or a big draw. Both also have the knock-on effect of bringing new sponsors to the club.

All of the above combined is why, as a board, we are keen to progress as far as possible.

As always, if you know anyone who would like to be involved with us commercial, please give them my details.



and we "plan" what prize monies we get from the competition. Obviously the further we go, the better the prize money which all helps.

The 1895 cup is a little different with prizes money only coming in at a later stage.

Then there is always the chance of a "Big Draw" in a later round.

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BACKROOM BY MICK HEYS BY MICK HEYS



Myself (Mick Heys) as Head Physio and Simon Vardy (Player Performance Manager) will be sharing this page in 2020 - Simon wrote the first piece last weekend and now it's my turn!

This week I thought I'd tell you a little about some of our backroom team and touch on recovery and and maintenance aspects that come with working with a professional rugby league side.

Player welfare is an important component of running a professional sports team, especially so in a collision sport such as Rugby League.

Adding to that, our players are part time and have another job outside of the club which makes the task more difficult

We have a team of staff at Sheffield Eagles whose job it is to look after player health and wellbeing, we also give the players tools to look after themselves which is important as they spend much of the time away from the club.

Steph Waller leads the maintenance and recovery for the players ably assisted by Emma Wallace, Kay Humberstone and Amy Garbutt.

We try and target this to specific issues and preferences the players have, also taking into account such as the nature of their day to day job; sitting at a desk/driving a van/physical work such as a builder.

They will have individual issues that need addressing

to reduce the risk of injury - during training and playing - and to be able to perform at a high standard each week.

This includes massage, foam rolling, mobility work pre-game and training sessions.

Post game recovery can include ice baths, massage/soft tissue work, pool sessions, light gym sessions. Good quality sleep is also vital to the recovery process.

In my next article I will give some more information on mine & the doctor's role here at the Eagles!



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2. ROB WORRINCY



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Dan Fowler spoke with winger Rob Worrincy on his fourth spell with the Eagles ahead of today's match against his old employers, Halifax.

DF: Rob, we come into this Challenge Cup game on the back of three losses in the league. What have we taken out of those tough games?

RW: I think we have probably built some character and it has made us realise, even more so now, the quality in this league. The first game against Halifax was hard to take as we were the best team for long periods and probably deserved the victory. We came up against some quality against Leigh and was blown away early on. Last Sunday against Toulouse was a tough one to take again. They had some quality about them but we probably showed them a bit too much respect in the first 20 minutes. You can't afford a slow start when you play the likes of Toulouse and Leigh, and that's what we need to improve on.

DF: Despite the opening 20 minutes against Toulouse, it's fair to say we have competed well in two out of three games. I assume the squad will be thinking it's a case of when it will click rather than if it will?

RW: We have a few players coming back from injuries and it's definitely a case of when we will click, and hopefully it'll be sooner rather than later. We have shown elements of that against Fax where we were pipped at the post and also against Toulouse.



DF: Looking back on the last match against Toulouse, a tough first half put the game beyond us. That's certainly a part of our game we'll be looking to fix up?

RW: The coaching staff have been brutally honest with us over the past few weeks and have said that it is coming down to our starts and needing to focus on being more resolute.

We have a pattern at the moment where we seem to be making an error, then a penalty and concede a try; or penalty-penalty-try and that's something we need to work on.

DF: Moving on to Halifax, we narrowly lost to them on the opening day of the season. Will that be something the lads will be wanting revenge for or is it something we'll be putting to the back of our mind?

RW: I'm not sure revenge is the word, it's more of a reflection on ourselves that we'll be wanting to finish the job off this time and put in a complete performance.

It's okay talking about ifs, buts and maybes, however it is better to talk after we've performed for 80 minutes and done a job.

The Challenge Cup is a prestigious event and it's one where teams from the Championship can get a day out to different places.

It gives an opportunity for more exposure so Fax is a fair draw, I feel we have more than enough quality to beat them on our day, obviosuly we came so clase three weeks ago and we're looking to get on a winning run to take into the league.

DF: Despite the league form, how important would a cup run be for the confidence of the squad as a whole?

RW: It's very nice having a cup run. The team had a great run in the 1895 Cup with the Wembley win and the Challenge Cup does bring opportunities for teams like us to get national coverage.

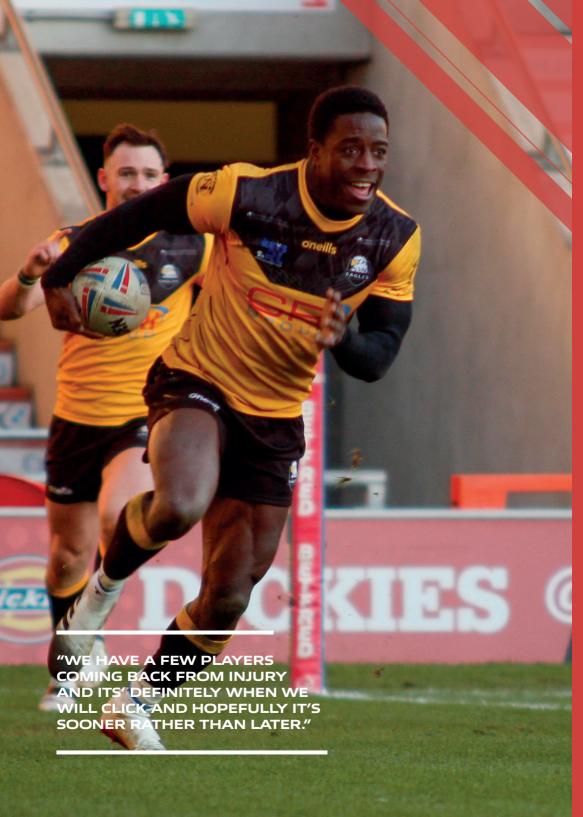
Halifax had a great time of it last year, ending up playing the Saints, and we'd love to string a few wins together to bring the Eagles brand in front of more people and raise more awareness of our club.

DF: Who would you class as your, 'Best Sportsman Ever?'

RW: It's a difficult one but for impact in a sport, outspokenness, ability and beliefs which make up a sportsman, it has to be Muhammad Ali for me.

Honourable mentions thought would have to go to Michael Jordan in basketball, Martin Offiah in Rugby League.

Want to ask a question? Email them - info@sheffieldea-gles.com for a chance to be answered!







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BEST TEAMMATE?

TWO STICK TO MIND FOR ME AS A CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYER - QLT WHO OOZED QUALITY AND SEAN PENKYWICZ WHO SEEMED TO EFFORTLESSLY CHANGE GAMES.

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TALIFAX VISITOR VIS



LAST THREE GAMES

Dewsbury L 16-18 Featherstone P P-P



Lewis Coleman takes a look at today's opposition, Halifax RLFC.

Halifax endured an indifferent 2019 season, today's visitors finished 8th in the Championship whilst also enjoying an impressive Challenge Cup run. Simon Grix's side reached the semi-finals of the competition, ultimately, Halifax lost-out to a St Helens 26-2 that went on to become Super League champions later that year.

Fax pipped the Eagles to a victory in Round 1, with an 18-17 victory over Mark Aston's men, Halifax tries came courtesy of Steven Tyrer, James Saltonstall and former Eagles loanee Oliver Roberts who scored the crucial late score.

Halifax's Round 2 fixture with Featherstone Rovers at the LD Nutrition Stadium was called off due to adverse weather conditions. In Round 3 Halifax narrowly lostout to the Dewsbury Rams at The Shay, the rearranged fixture took place on Tuesday evening and was certainly not short of action.

The hosts trailed 0-6 at half time, as Paul Sykes successfully kicked 3 penalty goals in a half where Fax's Kevin Larroyer and Ed Barber were sin-binned along with Scott Grix and Dewsbury's Dom Speakman who were sent off for fighting.

Scott Murrell and Jodie Broughton both notched converted tries to give Halifax the lead before Matty Gee's try which levelled up the score. Broughton added another score to give Fax the lead, crucially, the try was not converted but Dewsbury's next try was, which gave the Rams a two-point lead, Halifax couldn't find a late winner as the Rams held on for the win.



THE COACH SYLVAIN HOULES

Halifax Head Coach Simon Grix has entered his first full season as Fax chief and will be looking to build on a decent 2019 with the West Yorkshire side.

Taking over in mid-2019

his first match in charge was against the Eagles, coming out victors at the Olympic Legacy Park and helped arest Fax's league form somewhat

Grix recruited six new signings as Halifax will

look to improve on their 8th placed finish in 2019, experienced forwards Paul Brearley, Keegan Hirst joined Fax along with Jodie Broughton, Tom Gilmore, Scott Grix and ex-Eagles second-rower

ONES TO WATCH



SCOTT MURRELL

The former Hull Kingston Rovers man has been ever-present for Halifax since joining the club way back in 2013.

The 34-year-old has amassed over 170 appearances in Fax colours and his fantastic organisational skills will be on show as he leads the hosts around the park, certiainly once to watch this afternoon!



STEVE TYRER

The goal-kicking centre is our final 'One to watch' this afternoon, a product of the St. Helens youth development, his hometown, Tyrer has been with Fax since 2012 and is renowned for being one of the best goalkickers in the competition.

Tyrer also scored against the Eagles in Round 1, so Sheffield will be wary of the 30-year-old.

TODAY'S









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1. Josh Guzdek		
2. Ryan Millar		
3. Menzie Yere		
4. James Glover		
5. Ryan Millar		
6. Corey Makelim		
7. Anthony Thackeray		
8. Scott Wheeldon		
9. James Davey		
10. Matt James		
11. Bradley Knowles		
12. Joel Farrell		
13. Aaron Brown		
14. Greg Burns		
15. Oliver Davies		
16. Robbie Ward		
17. Frankie Mariano		
18. Connor Bower		
19. Zack McComb		
20. Blake Broadbent		
21. Paddy Burns		
22. Rory Dixon		
23. Lewis Taylor		
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1. Scott Grix

2. Shaun Robinson

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4. James Woodburn-Hall

5. Jodie Broughton

6. Scott Murrell

7. Tom Gilmore

8. Elliot Morris

9. Brandon Moore

10. Keegan Hirst

11. Matt Garside

12. Ed Barber

13. Jacob Fairbank

14. Keal Carlile

15. Paul Brearley

16. Connor Davies

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18. James Saltonstall

19. Conor McGrath

20. Curtis Davies

21. Reece Chapman-Smith

26. Fraser Stroud

29. Daniel Fleming

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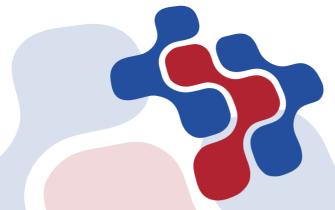
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FIXTURES 2020

TEAM	СОМР	DATE	H/A	ко	SCORE	ATT	
Doncaster	Friendly	19 Jan	Α	14:00	18 - 36 (W)	778	
Keighley Cougars	Friendly	26 Jan	Α	14:30	18 - 18 (D)	454	
Halifax RLFC	Championship	02 Feb	Α	15:00	18-17 (L)	1,525	
Leigh Centurions	Championship	08 Feb	Α	15:00	58 - 10 (L)	3,104	
Toulouse Olympique	Championship	16 Feb	Н	15:00	14 - 26 (L)	618	
Halifax RLFC	Challenge Cup	22 Feb	Н	14:00	-		
Batley Bulldogs	Championship	01 Mar	Α	15:00	-		
Bradford Bulls	Championship	08 Mar	Н	18:15	-		
Widnes Vikings	Championship	22 Mar	Н	15:00	-		
London Broncos	Championship	29 Mar	Α	15:00	-		
Featherstone Rovers	Championship	10 Apr	Α	18:00	-		
Oldham RLFC	Championship	15 Apr	Н	19:45	-		
York City Knights	Championship	19 Apr	Α	15:00			
Whitehaven	Championship	26 Apr	Α	15:00	-		
To Be Confirmed	1895 Cup	29 Apr	ТВС	19:45	-		
Swinton Lions	Championship	03 May	Н	15:00	-		
Dewsbury Rams	Championship	15 May	Н	19:45	-		
Widnes Vikings	Championship	24 May	Α	15:00	-		
Whitehaven	Championship	31 May	SB	15:15	-		
York City Knights	Championship	14 Jun	Н	15:00	-		
Oldham RLFC	Championship	21 Jun	Α	15:00	-		
Leigh Centurions	Championship	28 Jun	Н	15:00	-		
Bradford Bulls	Championship	05 Jul	Н	15:00	-		
Dewsbury Rams	Championship	12 Jul	Α	15:00	-		
Featherstone Rovers	Championship	24 Jul	Н	19:45	-		
London Broncos	Championship	31 Jul	Н	19:45	-		
Swinton Lions	Championship	09 Aug	Α	15:00	-		
Halifax RLFC	Championship	14 Aug	Н	19:45	-		
Batley Bulldogs	Championship	21 Aug	Н	19:45	-		
Toulouse Olympique	Championship	29 Aug	Α	18:00	-		
Whitehaven	Championship	06 Sep	Н	15:00	-		

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BIT OF A BLUR

Can you name a Eagles star blurred in this picture?



ALL MIXED UP

Name the 3 Eagles players who's have been mixed up?

RILLAY WET SO

VDV EIARE SIOL

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Answers on Match Reports Page

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WORD SEARCH

Can you find the 7 hidden words?

- DAVEY
- EAGLES
- FIELD
- MAKELIM
- RUGBY
- SENIOR
- WEMBLEY



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CHAPLAIN'S COLUMBI BY BAZ GASCOYNE

Henry Ford once said; "Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress, working together is success"

None of us will be naïve enough to not agree with the above quote. We all know from the few games we have played so far that it is going to be another demanding season on and off the field but together we can and will work it out.

An African proverb reads: "If you want to go quickly, go alone. If you want to go far, go together." As a club we have come far and this is down to the togetherness of everyone. I love what Mother Teresa said about achievement:

"I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things."

How true. I am sure you can do things I will never be able to do and maybe things I can do you can't, but together.... Wow!

To achieve anything in life takes courage, discipline, diligence, honesty & vulnerability. I remember when I decided to go back to college twenty years ago to study English Language

& Literature. I had left school with no qualifications to shout about so felt very vulnerable enrolling then entering the classroom for the first time into a room of students aged from eighteen up to fifty. At the end of the year it was only the mature students who had completed and passed the exams. I obtained an A & B and this was the beginning of me going on to achieve a Master's degree at Sheffield University, Co-write four books and do a Post Graduate Diploma at Gloucester University.

Yes I had to do all the book-reading and assignment-writing but it was the ongoing support and encouragement from my wife Linda, friends and academic staff that helped me achieve. Linda even bought me a mug saying 'Baz keep calm and finish your assignment!'

So let's keep on encouraging each other. The more determined and focused we become together the more we can work it out and achieve.

"If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself" (Henry Ford).

Enjoy the game.



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LOOKING BY NIGEL BORHAM



Welcome to Sheffield Eagles 72nd Challenge Cup match.

History shows that there have been 38 wins and 33 losses since the first which was played on 17th February 1985 at Owlerton against Warrington in front of 1479 spectators.

Eagles have only met Halifax twice previously. Once at Thrum Hall, in 1996, Halifax won 24 - 20 and once at DVS in 2013, which Eagles won 28 - 12.

Eagles Challenge Cup opponents record since 1984: TEAM-GAMES PLAYED-VENUE-RESULT.

Barrow 3 - all away - won 1
Bramley 1 - away - won
Castleford 2 - both away - won 1
Catalan 1 - away - lost
Dewsbury 3 - 2 at home - all 3 won
Doncaster 2 - both away - 1 won
East Leeds 2 - both home - both won
Egremont 1 - home - won
Hull FC 6 - 4 at home - won 1
Hull KR 2 - both away - both lost Halifax 2 - 1 home - 1 win

Huddersfield 1 - away - won Keighley 2 - both home - 1 won Leigh 6 - 4 home - 5 won Leigh East 2 - both home - both won Leigh Miners Rangers 2 - both away both won London Broncos 1 - home - lost London Skolars 1 - home - won Leeds Met Carnegie 1 - home - won Lezignan 1 - home - lost Oldham 2 -both home - won 1 Oulton Raiders 2 - 1 home - both won Salford 3 - 1 home, 1 away, 1 neutral -1 won Swinton 2 - 1 home - 1 won St Helens 1 - away - lost Thornhill 1 - home - lost Thatto Heath 1 - home - won Toulouse Olympique 1 - home - won Warrington 3 - 1 home - all lost Wakefield 4 - 1 home - 1 won Waterhead 1 - away - won Widnes 3 - 2 home - all lost Wigan 2 - 1 home, 1 neutral - 1 won Whitehaven 1 - 1 away - 1 home York City 2 - 1 home - 1 won.

Largest crowd - 11,783 at Kingston Com Stadium v Hull FC on 2nd March 2003.

Smallest crowd - 230 at Sedgley Park v Swinton on12 March 2006.

One match there is no record of the gate at Barrow or in Sheffield - @ Craven Park, Barrow on 28 Jan 1990 which Eagles won 22 - 12. Average score Sheffield 27 Opponents 23. There have been 45 different referees, some have now become match commissioners and timekeepers.

Finally home venues have been: Owlerton, DVS, Bramall Lane, Keepmoat Stadium, Sheffield Hallam Universities Sports Park, Olympic Legacy Park and finally here at Mobile Rocket Stadium, Wakefield, also known as 'Belle Vue'.

LAST TIME BY DAN FOWLER



Despite an improved performance. Sheffield Eagles succumbed to a third loss in a row as Toulouse Olympique triumphed 26-14 at Castle Park.

The Eagles were 20-0 down during the first half before fighting back to within two scores of their full-time opposition. Toulouse managed to keep Sheffield at bay as Mark Aston's men pushed for a comeback.

The visitors opened the scoring on six minutes as former loan Eagle Stan Robin crossed the whitewash from a James Bell pass. Mark Kheirallah was on target for 6-0.

After breaking the deadlock. Toulouse piled on the pressure and broke through again as Robin completed his brace. Kheirallah added the extras.

Sylvain Houles' side extended their advantage thanks to a Kheirallah penalty goal on 23 minutes.

The Eagles almost had their first try of the contest on two separate occasions. Firstly, Anthony Thackeray's pass went into touch before another move was halted; this time with the ball going to ground.

The missed opportunities came back to bite them. Toulouse stretched their lead through Bell and Kheirallah kept his 100% success rate with the boot.

Sheffield did get on the board in the final stages of the first period. Ireland international Zack McComb finished a swift short side play. Josh Guzdek could not convert, leaving the Eagles 20-4 down at the break.

Sheffield were first on the scoresheet in the second half as the hour mark approached. Moments after Rob Worrincy went close, the Eagles breached Toulouse's rearguard courtesy of Joel Farrell, Guzdek fired wide with the conversion.

Toulouse fired back in the final quarter as rangy winger Paul Marcon crossed. Kheirallah once again on target with the conversion. The visitors' last contribution to the game was a vellow card for Harrison Hansen with three minutes to go.

Sheffield made use of their numerical advantage with Worrincy scoring on the hooter and Guzdek converting.



SHEFFIELD EAGLES

14 - 26

TOULOUSE OLYMPIOUE

- 1. Josh Guzdek
- 2. Rob Worrincy
- 19. Zack McComb
- 13. Aaron Brown
- 5. Ryan Millar
- 6. Corey Makelim
- 7. Anthony Thackeray
- 8. Scott Wheeldon
- 9. James Davey
- 11. Bradley Knowles
- 15. Oliver Davies
- 12. Joel Farrell
- 22. Rory Dixon



REFEREE: A. MOORE



STADIUM: CASTLE PARK



ATTENDANCE:

- Mark Kheirallah 1.
 - Paul Marcon 5.
 - Bastien Ader 19.
 - Junior Vaivai 3.
 - Jy Hitchcox 2.
- Constantine Mika 11
 - Stan Robin 7.
 - Patty Vaivai 17.
- William Barthau 30.
- Harrison Hansen 16.
 - Joe Bretherton 10.
- Frank Winterstein 12.
 - James Bell 13.

INTERCHANGE

- 20. Blake Broadbent
- 17. Frankie Mariano
- 16, Robbie Ward
- 23. Lewis Taylor



INTERCHANGE

- Mathieu Jussaume 4.
 - Ben Evans 15.
 - Maxime Puech 8.
 - Clement Boyer 18.

JUNIOR EAGLES ANSWERS:

BIT OF A BLUR:

Zack McComb

ALL MIXED UP:

Lewis Taylor

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